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New Community Hosts Forum On Empowerment Zones

The NCC Community Forum held at St. Rose of Lima School on Tuesday, March 22, 1994, attracted nearly 200 residents, members of community based organizations, business community representatives, and government officials. The community forum was an important step in the process to develop a strategic plan that will be submitted to the federal government to seek Newark's designation as one of six in the United States to be selected as urban Empowerment Zones. This designation will result in Newark receiving \$100 million over two years to support cooperative efforts among neighborhood residents, local, state, and federal levels of government, local businesses, churches, and community based organizations.

Larry Goldston, NCC Assistant Director of Development said that, "NCC's Community Forum successfully reached grass-roots organizations and involved representation from many sectors of Newark's diverse population." Mr. Goldston noted that the community forum provided a rich discussion of issues and priorities of greatest concern to the people of Newark.

Glenn A. Grant, Business Administrator, City of Newark, provided an overview of the purpose of Empowerment Zones and the benefits that will result for the city. Mr. Grant emphasized the importance of com-

munity participation in the planning process and urged all Newark residents to contribute to the city-wide effort to develop a competitive application. Mr. Grant chairs the Empowerment Zone Strategic Planning Group and has pledged to make Newark's plan one that reflects the views, interests, and needs of the community.

The NCC Community Forum consisted of five discussion groups covering education, housing, social services, neighborhood safety, and economic development. Forum participants developed a vision outlining the improvements they would like to see occur over the next five years. One of the central themes that resounded throughout the groups was the importance of community involvement in solving the problems that are barriers

to community revitalization. The active involvement of citizens in improving the quality of life in Newark neighborhoods was recognized as the key to any effort to make our community work better for children, families, and seniors.

Many of the census tracts in the Central Ward of Newark meet the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the Empowerment Zone. Residents, businesses, and community based organizations within the eligible census tract are encouraged to participate in planning activities scheduled to occur over the next several months. Listed below is important information that will enable you to become a part of the planning process.

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NCC's Purchase Of Eatontown Complex To Increase Affordable Housing

Low and moderate income families throughout the State of New Jersey share one constant problem—a search for decent housing within their budgets. The search is never ending for our low-income housing stock is sadly depleted. To change this picture is one of New Community's greatest goals.

Enter the Resolution Trust Corporation, the Federal agency set up to dispose of the assets of failed savings and loan institutions. Residing in its portfolio recently was a 376-unit rental housing complex in Eatontown, NJ called Stony Hill Apartments. Thanks to a new program formulated by the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, New Community will be taking over this property at the end of March, said Ray Codey, NCC Director of Development, making 35 percent of the 376 units available to low and moderate income families as turnovers occur.

The HMFPA program initially simply tried to match non-profit developers with Resolution Trust properties and transfer the foreclosed properties without cost, because rehabilitation itself would end up exceeding the appraised value of the building. The size of the Stony Hill Apartments, however, required the state agency to revise this role and come up with financing for a \$350,000 down payment. The 5.5 per-

cent 5 year loan will cover down payment and closing costs. Purchase price for Stony Hill was \$6.7 million.

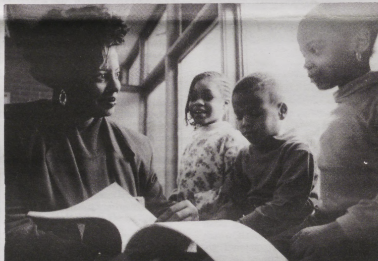
The buildings are actually in the hands of Federal agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a result of the savings and loan failures. The Resolution Trust responsible for their disposition set up the Affordable Housing Disposition Demonstration Program as a vehicle for providing financial assistance to non-profits such as New Community who will commit to a 40 year availability of the units, at least 20 percent of which will be for people who earn no more than 50 percent of the median income of the area and at least an additional 15 percent of which will be for people earning no more than 65 percent of the median income of the area.

The Stony Hill property encompasses 27 acres in Monmouth County. The complex was of interest to New Community because of the opportunity it provided to make available much needed affordable housing in New Jersey. New Community also enjoys an excellent track in housing management which entered into consideration of New Community's purchase of the Eatontown property. Apartments at Stony Hill range in size from 812 to 1,155 square feet and contain one, two or three bedrooms.

Market rate rents will range from \$610 to \$850. For the affordable housing units a two bedroom apartment will be available to a family of four making up to \$29,560 a year at a monthly rent of \$456. If the same size family is making up to \$33,670 the same apartment would cost them \$611 monthly.

The concern of New Community in acquiring the Stony Hill Apartments is not only to provide more affordable housing, but to provide an attractive place for people of limited means to live, thereby recognizing the dignity of all people.

Gayle Chaneyfield Enters Newark Council Race



Candidate Gayle Chaneyfield knows the positive impact that affordable, quality day care can have on a young child.

A fresh new face is entering the race for councilwoman-at-large in the City of Newark—that of Gayle Chaneyfield. Gayle is the Director of Public Relations at Babyland Nursery.

The event is exciting to members of the New Community Network because it heralds the "coming of age" so to speak, of a fresh new generation of dedicated citizens committed to making Newark a better place in which to live.

Knowing Gayle, a lifelong resident of Newark, we are aware of the fine work she has done here at Babyland, coordinating an outstanding summer program and working with teen

parents and their children. She is acutely aware of the problems facing those who live, work and raise children in Newark and carries within her firsthand knowledge of the City's needs.

Having been a resident of public housing herself, Gayle is also an "expert" on the problems of the projects and the surrounding neighborhoods and shares the concerns of residents over such things as crime, drug dealing and adequate city services.

We are proud of this progressive young woman and her decision to run for elected office and we wish her efforts every success on May 10th.

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New Beginnings

Frequently we read in the newspapers and hear on TV about homelessness and unemployment. However, we rarely hear about the "good news" of people who have struggled to overcome these situations in their lives. Only those who have actually experienced the insecurity of homelessness and unemployment can fully appreciate the happiness when a seemingly hopeless situation turns around. Two tenants of Douglass-Harrison share their experience of homelessness brought on by lack of full-time employment.

Brad Givens had been working in a temporary position at St. Barnabas Hospital when he was laid off. Although his family was very supportive of him in offering a place to stay, he eventually left home, feeling he needed to help himself and not rely on his family. Over a period of months, Brad stayed in different shelters. Although this can be a difficult experience, Brad shared the positive aspects. He began to take responsibility for himself, and experienced a freedom and independence as he consistently progressed. Meeting others and listening to their stories gave him sympathy, and a better understanding and acceptance of people as they

the "Y" for seven months, he was about to be changed to another shelter, when he was recommended for the SRO Program. Derrick shared he has had a goal of "doing something," getting involved in volunteer work and in doing odd jobs even while he was at the shelter.

With the Center for Employment Training Program in full operation last fall, Derrick requested participating in the Food Service Training Program, held at the World of Foods. He shared with me how much he has learned about cooking and overall food preparation and presentation. He said he "loves it." He has tried



Derrick Grant

other areas of work, including five years in computer operations, but somehow this just seems to "fit." Derrick would like to become a pastry chef and hopes to be able to move up in the field. Derrick shared his joy and sense of accomplishment in simply being able to have his own apartment and see his name on the lease, having responsibility, learning the value of money and how to do without when necessary.

Both young men spoke of their families as their support system, in wanting what is best for them, as well as the strength that they have derived from their faith, particularly in reading and studying the Bible.

Joy in achievement, personal satisfaction, strength to face obstacles, and the courage to move on are messages of hope that these young men portray to us. May their stories encourage others in their own lives.

Sr. Yvette Arnold



Brad Givens

are, where they are.

Brad volunteered his services, especially while at United Community Corp. (UCC), who then referred him to the SRO Program, through NJ Division of Community Affairs, at Douglass-Harrison. Prior to moving in, Brad applied for a maintenance job and was hired. For the future, Brad wants what is best for himself, which includes financial independence, going to school, and continued personal growth.

Derrick Grant also found himself in a position of unemployment, needing to turn to Welfare and a shelter. Having stayed at two shelters, including

NCC Center For Employment Training Opens State Of The Art Computerized Basic Skills Training Facility

The NCC Center for Employment Training has opened a state of the art computerized basic skills training facility for adult learners. The 25 computer laboratory is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Larry Leverett, NCC Director of Learning, stated that his objective is to have the facility available to NCC residents, employees, and the general Newark community 12 hours each weekday. Leverett said that, "After participating for only a few months, adults and out-of-school youth made major gains in basic skills." The facility can accommodate up to 75 persons each day and it is expected that more than 500 people will participate in the 12 week program over the next year.

In addition to being available to the general population, special efforts are being made to recruit persons presently receiving public assistance. The computer facility is also the first step toward establishing a workplace literacy project for NCC employees who want to improve their reading and writing skills.

According to Harry Maroulakis, CET Assistant Director for Training and Assessment, "Instruction in the new lab is fully computerized so learners progress through intensive instruction at their own rate." The integrated learning system features software specifically designed for adult learners and builds reading and math skills in the context of real-life applications such as completing a job application or balancing a checkbook. The instructional software is user friendly and courses range from beginning reading to high school levels, including GED preparation. The courses listed below are examples of those available:

Mathematics Skills—Develops skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measurement, decimals, and problem solving.

Survival Skills—Students apply basic reading and math skills to solving everyday, real-life situations.

Basic Reading—Reading exercises based on a variety of sentences, stories, and paragraphs.

Practical Reading Skills—Develops reading skills by using practical everyday materials, such as maps, schedules, menus, labels, advertisements, and applications.

Keyboard Skills—Practice course designed to develop standard typing skills of speed and accuracy.

GED Preparation Program—A practice course providing instruction and review in the five areas covered by the new GED tests. The areas covered are: Reading Skills, Writing Skills, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics.

College Prep Mathematics—Practice course covering over 200 objectives in a three year high school mathematics sequence including algebra, geometry, equations, and trigonometry.

Other courses available are: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, SAT Math, SAT Verbal, Computer Literacy, and Fundamentals of English.

Some unique features of the "Success Maker" software used in the NCC CET program are that it constantly adapts instruction to a learner's performance, can provide ESL instruction in up to six languages, can predict how long it will take a student to reach a goal, and can print special worksheets for home study. Persons who complete a 12 week program, spending a minimum of 1 hour per day, should accomplish at least one grade level of improvement in math and reading.

The computerized basic skills facility was made possible through a contract with the Essex County Family Development Program. Virginia Glick, center coordinator, said she is "excited about the opportunity to work with Newark residents to enhance their basic educational skills." Ms. Glick, an experienced educator with knowledge of computer-based instruction, joined the NCC CET staff last month and is presently recruiting students for the program.

The first group of students began the program on March 28 and are reported to have mostly positive reactions. They like the pace of instruction and find the presentation of information to be interesting and adult-oriented.

Opportunities are immediately available and the program is offered at no cost to the participants.

If you would like to enroll or secure additional information, please call: Harry Maroulakis (201) 481-9066, Stephanie Barnett (201) 481-9066, Virginia Glick (201) 642-1079.

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New Community Foundation Update

The year 1993 was a busy and very productive one for the New Community Foundation. Education and health were the major beneficiaries.

In keeping with its practice of varying the locations of its meetings to familiarize board members with the many components of the New Community Network, the New Community Foundation held its February 10th meeting at St. Rose of Lima School.

Art Wilson, fellow trustee and principal of St. Rose School extended a welcome on behalf of the administration, faculty and student body. He presented a profile of the school and described its 103 year history. Vice Principal Emily Ross-Jukes conducted

facilitated by Geraldine Brunner and will allow six (6) students to receive college credit for working with children in art.

Fran Scullin, computer coordinator/volunteer at St. Rose of Lima School, has been given approval to move ahead on the completion of one full operating laboratory. Money has been set aside for her proposal.

Trustee Beverly Dunston reporting for the Health Committee provided an update on the World Health Organization Promoting Schools Program in which St. Rose of Lima and Ridge School in Ridgewood are partners with schools in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. St.



New Community Foundation Executive Director, Maureen Broglia, and Chairman Jack Mullen join together with St. Rose of Lima students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

seven students in a musical welcome. The students then expressed their own greeting, offered a prayer and a flag salute and sang America The Beautiful.

A description of the challenge of the St. Rose of Lima School Strategic Planning Retreat (see Clarion March 1994) was presented by the Director of Learning, Larry Leverett. Msgr. Linder then described the excitement of the presentation made by Arlen Smith, young assistant manager of Mailboxes, Etc., at the White House and his introduction of President Bill Clinton (see Clarion February 1994). He also described the funding received for New Community's Chelsea Construction, the status of the CET program and his recent visits to Detroit and Los Angeles with HUD Secretary Henry G. Cisneros to speak on the subject of Empowerment Zones.

It was reported by Maureen Bell Broglia, Trustee and Executive Director that the 25th Gala Ball journal was a very successful fund raiser.

Valuable program and administrative support by Foundation trustees was reported by the treasurer, Nick Crignano. Support through Foundation initiatives has also been given by the Robert Wood Foundation for the New Community Project HOPE Urban Health Initiatives program and the WHO/EURO Health Promoting Schools Program and Health Retreat which was supported by a Johnson and Johnson grant.

Six (6) scholarships are presently being supported by the Scholarship Committee under the chairmanship of trustee Tom Kenyon. The first fund raising function, chaired by Kerry Broglia Lane was held on February 19.

Twenty first-line employees are presently benefitting from the efforts of the Education and Training Committee with the help of PSE&G. The Bloomfield College Language Arts Internship Program will provide six (6) students to St. Rose for the second semester. A new internship program in cooperation with Ramapo College called Art and Interaction is being

facilitated by Geraldine Brunner and will allow six (6) students to receive college credit for working with children in art.

The New Community Health Committee is planning this year's Fair on May 11, 12 and 13 with a possibility of one more day—the 14th. The Foundation will coordinate activities with membership companies of the New Jersey Health Products Council.

A group from Project HOPE attended the February meeting, since they were visiting Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services. Florence gave a brief report on the status of the Community Health Worker (CHW) program which would be a partnership venture between New Community and Project HOPE. Funding is from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Chairman Jack Mullen reminded members that 1993 was a year of support for health initiatives while 1994 will be a year to support education initiatives. That is the Foundation commitment. What a fine year!

Msgr. Linder Panelist At National Housing And Community Development Conference

Msgr. Wm. Linder was invited to be part of the National Housing and Community Development Conference held on March 30-31 in Washington, D.C. The invitation was extended by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry G. Cisneros and Assistant Secretary Andrew M. Cuomo.

The national conference explored HUD and other Federal initiatives designed to foster growth and development. The audience of about 2,000 included Cabinet members, governors and mayors, community and economic development directors, housing professionals, non-profit organizations and business leaders. The Administrations plan to build communities of opportunity all across America and the Federal resources and strategies which will provide the tools necessary to restore economic growth, opportunity and hope for people living in distressed neighborhoods were the focus of the conference.

The conference agenda included:

- Plenary sessions each morning with key government officials.

- Workshops with government officials and non-profit and private sector leaders showcasing community development programs that work.
- Policy and program roundtables on housing, economic development, welfare, health and educational initiatives.

Father Linder was asked to serve as a panelist for a conference session to explore new directions in community development called Community Vision: New Ideas, moderated by Assistant Secretary Cuomo. Others in the panel were Deedee Corradini, Mayor of Salt Lake City, and Bruce Elwood, Special Assistant to the President.

Topics to be explored during the conference include: forging comprehensive community revitalization strategies; building and revitalizing housing and neighborhood facilities, restoring safety to community streets, schools and parks; promoting economic opportunities and creating jobs; reform welfare; improving health care; providing quality education and developing strategies to help the homeless.

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Contact the Office of the City Business Administrator at 733-3780 for specific times and location.

April 16	Saturday Community Meeting
May 21	Final Community Meeting
June 30	Application submitted

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Remembering Our Stories

Five (5) New Community Home Health Aides along with the Assistant Director, Mrs. Marcia Hines, had the wonderful opportunity to spend 2 days and 3 nights at a Retreat in Ossining, N.Y. as guests of Mariandale Center and Ministry in Story Director Midge Miles.

It was a time of remembering — remembering the stories of our lives: important decisions, times of great sadness, future hopes and dreams, mothering and grandmothering, Saints, Angels (those Holy guides, for example, our own mothers, etc.) significance of our homes, houses and being proud of me. We were asked to look at something we had done nor not done in the last six (6) months which had made us proud.

We were encouraged not to be afraid to remember the hurts and heartaches, for they were and would be stepping stones to our future and our children's future. We were encouraged to share our stories with our family and friends great or small.

There were other women from different walks of life, races, as well as

religion. But we all shared one thing in common, we all have stories, living stories, stories to share.

Some of us were apprehensive when we came, leaving families behind, feeling guilty while we were enjoying the serenity and spirituality of the atmosphere illuminated. By the time we began to enjoy our private (quiet) rooms and the solitude we as mothers and grandmothers seldom experience, it was time to come home.

But coming home would be different. We had a new respect for the life we've lived and are now living, no longer feeling insignificant but an intricate part of this world. We learned not to be afraid to change for change is inevitable, but for women beautiful.

We appreciated having been given a chance to be a part of this weekend. We told stories through song, story telling as well as art. I'm looking forward to sharing my life story with other women and encouraging them.

Women everywhere — do not be afraid to remember!

Charlotte R. Neely
NCC/Home Health

Tina Our Friend Is Missed

On March 23rd 1987 the New Community Development Department was graced with a new secretary — Ernestine "Tina" Levell. Life would never be the same.

In her own gracious but straight out way, Tina kept us all on track, including her "breezy" here again gone again boss...Ray Codey.

"Tina had the ability to make everyone her friend with her charm, grace and gentle humor. Tina was a living, breathing example of a strong loving mother putting her family first and foremost. Her memory will continue to be reflected in the work of

NCC to help others achieve great things," reflected Ray.

Jim Gerofsky, one of our grant writers remembers her as "my first friend at NCC. She was more than a clerical and secretary, she was a friend and very much a partner in the development department. She made me feel welcome."

Larry Goldston, an assistant director, described her as "a wonderful person I learned to work with and have as a friend. She will be greatly missed."

For Clarion photographer Laura Compenn "Tina was more than just a co-worker she was the department "mother." When she needed you to do something, she stayed on you, just like your mother would. She was a no-nonsense, tell it like it is type of person. I really miss her."

Even Ray got the "mother" treatment which he would laugh at, but the respect between the two was apparent — and what other secretary would keep track of his daughter's Girl Scout Cookie sales? Her generous giving nature was boundless.

This editor found her a friend with whom she could empathize because both were blessed with children. Tina seemed to have a common bond with everyone.

Our sympathy goes out to her five children: LaDonna, Eugene, Will Arthur, Freda, Dennis and six grandchildren.

Tina was courageous, gentle, strong and compassionate. A more loving person would be hard to find.

She is sorely missed.



Ernestine "Tina" Levell

United Way Celebrity Read Program Salutes African American History Month



Photo courtesy of the United Way

New Community/Harmony House Administrator Jeanette Page-Hawkins, shown here with students at the Newton Street School, was one of the many volunteers who participated in United Way's *Celebrity Read* program this year.

Newark—Throughout February, United Way of Essex and West Hudson conducted its third annual *Celebrity Read* program in honor of African American History Month.

Celebrity Read consists of volunteer readers who take time out of their day to visit elementary schools in Irvington, East Orange, South Orange, Newark, and Maplewood. During their visits, the readers share passages from books that detail the contributions of people of color to American History. In addition, readers share some of their own life-experiences, and encourage young people to realize their fullest potential.

According to Gail Moore, United Way Vice-President of Marketing and Communications, "*Celebrity Read* is designed to help educate students as to the significant historical contributions of people of color, and to provide role models who will instill pride in their heritage."

"*Celebrity Read* also brings young people into contact with adults whose position in our community stand as examples to our youth of their own potential to succeed," Moore said.

Moore explained that the

'Celebrities' are drawn from all aspects of community life, including business, government, education, the arts, religion, and the sciences.

This year, over 300 *Celebrity Readers* reached out to more than 5000 students in 23 elementary and middle schools in our area. Participants in the program have included Carrie Smith, world renowned jazz singer and star of the Broadway hit *Black and Blue*; former New York Giant Harry Carson; New Jersey Secretary of State Donna Hooks and U.S. Congressman Donald Payne.

Moore, who created *Celebrity Read*, said that, "*Celebrity Read* is a tremendously important program because it shows our young people the many opportunities that exist for them and it helps them realize their own potential for success and accomplishment."

United Way of Essex and West Hudson conducts an annual fund raising campaign on behalf of 84 human service agencies located in 13 municipalities throughout Essex and West Hudson counties. In addition, the organization conducts a variety of year-round community service programs throughout the area.

A Night Of Cultural Exposure

On Friday, February 18, 1994, the Harmony House Youth Department took the kids to Bloomfield College to see a performance by The Ensemble Theatre Company — "Roads To The Mountain Top" — honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights movement.

The play started at approximately 8:00 p.m. and the children were very excited when we entered the building; we felt the enthusiasm and anticipation in the air. We took our seats, the introduction was made, and the play began. The actors voices were very

powerful; they didn't have to speak very loud to be heard. Apart from being very talented, their performance was explosive and everyone expected as much.

Looking through the audience, it was as though everyone was hypnotized. The message was so powerful it held everyone captive. As the play came to an end, we found ourselves feeling the joy of being part of this wonderful experience.

Fritzgerald Prophete
Youth Worker

Health Shorts:

Surviving Spring Allergies

While others sigh "ahhhh...spring," do you reply, "ahhhhh chool?" Spring is the "sneezest" time of the year for most allergy sufferers. The air is thick with pollen from blooming trees, flowers, and grass. Victims of allergic rhinitis (seasonal allergies) experience itchy eyes, sore throat, ear pain, fatigue, headaches, and irritability.



For many, pollen is an allergen — something that causes hypersensitivity. For others, dust or pet dander may be allergens. The body makes antibodies to destroy the allergens. When antibodies and allergens come together, a chemical called histamine is released and causes itching, sneezing, and congestion.

If seasonal allergies disrupt your life, see an allergist about desensitiza-

tion. He or she can pinpoint the plant(s) to which you are allergic, then administer shots in gradually increasing doses.

If your symptoms are simply bothersome, antihistamines and decongestants may help. Also consider the following precautions.

- Keep home and car windows closed during the morning, when pollen levels are highest.

- Wash your hands frequently, especially before touching your eyes.

- Don't hang laundry outdoors.

- Pollen flying through the air will settle on it.

- If pets roam outdoors, restrict their movement to certain rooms in the house — never the bedroom!

- Avoid drinking alcohol and exposure to cigarette smoke, because these can aggravate symptoms.

- Wear a mask and goggles while mowing the lawn. And mow often — before grass gets high enough to bloom and release pollen.

- Vacuum your home frequently to remove dust and pollen.

- Check the weather report for the pollen count. If it is high, try to avoid outside activity.

Young, Black And Gifted

On February 24th, youngsters from Harmony House presented a Black History program at St. Joseph Plaza. The program consisted of three portions. The first portion was entitled the Black History Hall of Fame. Eight children read one minute of biographies of famous African Americans. The Hall of Fame consisted of historic African Americans such as Madame C.J. Walker, Malcolm X, Shabazz and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The second portion was the African Poetry session. During the session, the teenagers read the works of famous African American poets and poems of their own.

The third portion was entitled Black History in Motion. A dance troupe made up of nine girls performed a dance routine which did not include music. The nine youngsters worked together to create and choreograph the routine. "I enjoyed participating in the program," said Charmaine Braxton, who was a member of the troupe. "The dance routine was fun."

Everyone at Harmony House applauds the youngsters' performance and creativity.

The Black History program gave the youngsters an opportunity to display their talents, express their feelings



Photo credit: Manuel Burse.

Nikki Butler reads her poem.

and learn more about their heritage.
Rahiem Grimsley
Youth Worker

"Roads To The Mountaintop"

On February 18, 1994, Harmony House children had the unique experience of attending *Roads to the Mountaintop*, a play written, directed and performed by African Americans, at Bloomfield College's Van Fossen Theatre.

Our children were so overcome by the stage lighting, stage and set, they remained glued to their seats — did not leave during intermission (the play was 3 hrs. long). Maybe a few! Perhaps some day it will be a Broadway production.

Later in the month, Harmony House teens photo-work group also had the opportunity to take pictures at the free performance of *Roads to the Mountaintop* held at the Newark Public Library, with the permission of Evelyn

Ayana-Batemann, Director.

This groundbreaking play gave our children and teens a rare and important perspective of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. It examined his life in the period from 1965 to 1968, and allowed our children a better understanding visually about how King and others felt during that period.

Act I began with a dramatization of Dr. King's acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Then the play followed King's activities in Selma in 1965, Chicago in 1966-67 and Memphis in 1968, while it traces the development of King's mission into more radical thoughts of racism, economic justice and militarism. The Ensemble Theatre Company is a professional Actor's Equity Theatre that blends classical and modern tradition with political appeal.

History

ETC was born in 1981 out of the Paul Roberson Black Arts Ensemble, Rutgers University. The Ensemble Theatre Company's mission is to explore and celebrate the African American experiences in particular and the human experience in general.

While he stands at the Mountaintop, King sees not only the promised land, but the many roads he still must travel and the hardships he, his family and co-workers must endure before his mission can be accomplished.

Manuel Burse
Lead Youth Worker

Male Mentors Needed

Harmony House Transitional Homeless Facility is looking for male volunteers to mentor homeless male youths. Your educational, job and personal experiences can help our men of the future.

To take on this vital responsibility, please contact Mr. Reginald Ford at New Community Harmony House by calling (201) 623-8555 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



Soccer In The Streets



Saturday, March 5th, 1994 at 3:00 p.m., was the kickoff date for Ms. Carolyn McKenzie, to present her program *Soccer In The Streets* to the residents of Newark, at St. Benedict's Prep School. *Soccer In The Streets* originated in Atlanta and is implemented in 29 other cities. Newark will be number 30. *Soccer In The Streets* is targeted at children ages 5-12, living in economically and socially deprived inner city and rural communities.

This program does more than teach

McKenzie. When the speakers were done, the Mini Clinic began.

The children got a kick out of this part of the ceremony. They were shown by soccer coaches how to kick and control the ball properly. There was also a demonstration by Essex County College players who showed the children different techniques used in the game. Raffle tickets were given to each child present. When the event came to an end, numbers were called. Three children from Harmony House received professional soccer balls.



Photo credit: Manuel Burse.

New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman poses for a photo with some of the children from Harmony House.

young people how to play soccer. It encourages confidence, self-esteem and helps to build character in our youth. It combines fun time with study time. The motto of *Soccer In The Streets* is "Let's Kick Drugs And Crime Out Of Our Communities."

Harmony House youth as well as other inner city youth were present at this sporting event. The children were very excited about participating in this new program. They sat quietly while they listened to remarks and presentations from Mayor Sharpe James, Governor Whitman, John Whitman (Co-Chair, NY/NJ World Cup '94), and the woman who made this all possible — Ms. Carolyn

We commend Carolyn McKenzie for developing such a wonderful program and sharing it with the youth of our city. We feel that *Soccer In The Streets* is the beginning of a positive alternative for our children. It gives them a better weapon to fight Drugs and Crime and the opportunity to work on their future dreams.

The program is seeking volunteer coaches, sponsors, photographers, grant writers, etc.

Call today and volunteer!
Contact: Ms. Carolyn McKenzie
(404) 477-0354.

Ms. Angela Hall
Youth Program Coordinator

Harmony House S.P.A.C.E. Group Science Professionals Aiding Children's Education

The Harmony House S.P.A.C.E. Group has made a great difference in the lives of our youth. They are a special group of individuals, who

unselfishly share their time, expertise, and material with our youth. They have worked on many projects and experiments with the children, which has enhanced the understanding of science and how they benefit from it in their daily lives.

The children anxiously wait for Thursday evening to see what new and exciting project they will be exposed to. Some of the experiments and/or projects the children have done are learning how to weigh and measure many objects on different types of scales. They made their own personal telescopes, flashlights, and created slime by mixing a squirt of PVA solution, to a few drops of borax in a cup and stirring slowly.

Science is no longer the dull boring subject that many used to hate, but has become a challenging adventure.

Ms. Angela Hall
Youth Program Coordinator



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Learning to weigh and measure compounds has many practical applications in life.

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The Priory's Sunday Brunch

The Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph Plaza announces the jazz talent to perform at April at their popular Sunday Brunch: April 3, The Bradford Hayes Trio; April 10, The Harold Van Pelt Trio; April 17, The Michael Logan Duo; April 24, The James Stewart Trio. The Brunch features a buffet of

breakfast and lunch foods that is served from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for \$12.95 for adults and kids under 11 eat for half-price. The Brunch is served with a complimentary glass of champagne and "live" jazz music. For reservations (201) 242-8012.



Saxophonist James Stewart will perform with his trio on April 24.



Bass player Michael Logan performs on April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Junior Museum Offers A World Of Adventure For 10 Cents

The Junior Museum located in The Newark Museum's South Wing Education Center provides a wide variety of museum-based programs for children ages 3 to 15. Its range of offerings include art and science workshops for preschoolers, enrichment programs for Newark school children, community outreach programs, Saturday family activities, and special events and holiday festivals.

Since the opening of The Newark Museum building in 1926, an area has been designated as the Junior Museum. Initially one large room, it displayed art, social science, and natural history materials, including live animals. Clubs were an important aspect of the programming and school classes were frequent visitors. With the new facility came the rejuvenation of the Junior Museum Club, which has continued to offer a lifetime membership for 10 cents as it has since its beginning sixty-five years ago. If you become a member of the Club you will be kept informed of all the Junior Museum activities through a newsletter.

Junior Museum Activities

On Saturdays in April, there are science activities in the Education Lobby. The children will be able to make a Moon Calendar to take home showing the phases of the moon each night of the month. From porcupine quills, spider and crab sheds, and other animal coverings, families will discover more about animals in the program *Animals Coverings*.

There are two Spring Festival drop-in activities for the children on Thursday, April 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. These continuous, hands-on workshops will show children, ages 3 to 12, how to craft a Double Cobra Headdress and create a Decorate Fly Pin, both inspired by objects on display in the special exhibition, *Ancient Nubia: Egypt's Rival in Africa*.

On Saturday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. "Teeny" boppers from 2 to 8 years old and their parents will readily identify

with singer Gary Rosen's light-hearted and lyrical songs that often depict real-life experiences.

On Saturday and Sundays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. young participants are introduced to exciting ancient Egyptian art forms through the interactive exhibition for children *Stepping Into Ancient Egypt: The House of the Artist Pashed*. Children create their own "take-home" arts objects as they learn



Young man proudly displays artwork he created during a Junior Museum Festival at The Newark Museum.

about wall painting, writing in hieroglyphs, toymaking, and pottery. The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street in Newark. If you would like additional information on activities for children and families call 596-8550.

ODADAA! Performs West African Music And Dance

The charismatic royal troupe ODADAA! will bring the spirit of West African music and dance to life in the Mary B. Burch Theater at Essex County College, Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

The group hails from Ghana and their performance speaks in a language of movement and sound. Using traditional instruments of wrought-iron bells and clappers, wooden flutes, hand or stick-beaten drums, ODADAA! brings forth a colorful display of traditional and contemporary African dance and music. Master drummer Yaacub Addy is the founder of the 13-member drum and dance troupe. Addy's goal is to create a music of a definite intensity, a quality he calls *chimo*. "This is a word which I use to describe my creative music. It means that the music is heavy! *Echi* is the word behind *Chimo*. Some rhythms, like a spiritual, ritual music, when we played that, our fathers used to say, 'This music is heavy, so don't play all the time

because when you play spiritually, it can really affect somebody.' When the music is *echi* it hits your heart. It vibrates your body."

Joining ODADAA! for a New Jersey premiere will be koro player and singer, Foday Musa Suso. As one of Gambia's most esteemed musicians, he has recorded with Herbie Hancock and the Kronos Quartet.

The highly acclaimed group of musicians is being presented as part of the Carter G. Woodson Foundation's Onstage in New Jersey performance series. The Woodson Foundation was established to provide the public with greater access to African-American culture through the presentation of performing arts events; and, to increase performance opportunities, audiences and visibility for African-American artists.

Tickets for ODADAA! are \$12.00 and may be purchased by calling 242-8110.



West African dance and music group ODADAA! will perform at Essex County College on April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Call For Poetry

The Newark Public Library and the Newark Writers Collective will co-sponsor a poetry festival and are seeking submissions of works based on the theme *Poetry Works: Breath of the Four Winds, Hope, Humility, Serenity, and Faith*. The theme addresses the myriad of world society problems facing the twenty-first century and how future generations will be rescued and survive. The project will comprise a series of events at the Main Library beginning May 21 and ending June 11.

Procedures for submitting poetry are:

- Poetry submitted needs to address the theme
- You may submit more than one poem but your total entries cannot exceed 100 lines
- Send 4 copies of each poem
- Each poem should be typed on a single 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper
- Paper clip one self-addressed stamped envelope to your poems
- Do not put your name on any of your poems
- Submission of poetry is a commitment, if invited, to read your work in person on May 21, 2:00 p.m. at The Newark Public Library
- Submission of poetry is permission to publish the work, if selected, in a printed anthology
- All submissions must be postmarked on or before April 22 and mailed to:

Poetry Works
111 Mulberry St., 1Q
Newark, NJ 07102

"The time is long overdue for poetry to take its rightful place among the

arts activities of the City of Newark. We are hoping that the Poetry Works project provides the necessary venue for novice poets to exhibit and hone their skills and a platform for profiling the skills of those poets who are published and acclaimed," comments Linda A.H. Walker, co-chair of the Newark Writers Collective.

In addition to a recognition award, the poets will receive a copy of a 48-page anthology of selected entries. For more information about Poetry Works call 643-7189.

Organ Recital At Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be the setting of an organ recital by Paul Martin Maki on Sunday, April 17, 4:00 p.m. Dr. Maki, an internationally known recitalist, is organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Larchmont, NY and a member of the organ faculty at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is a magnificent French Gothic structure reminiscent of the great cathedrals of Europe. Built on one of the city's highest points, the Cathedral is one of the most prominent landscapes in Newark. For over twenty-five years the Cathedral has offered organ recitals performed on one of the finest concert organ instruments in the area.

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Felicitaciones A La Oficina De NC Hispanic Development Corp.

Donald V. Biase, el Ejecutivo Actual del Condado de Essex, proclamó que el 16 de marzo 1994 fué reconocido por todo el Condado de Essex como el Día de NC Hispanic Development Corp. en reconocimiento de su trabajo con ciudadanos dándoles el poder para combatir el crimen y aumentar su participación en la vida económica, política y social del Condado de Essex. La proclamación dice, "Con gran orgullo, el Condado de Essex reconoce las organizaciones de la comunidad más notables por su trabajo en mejorar la calidad de vida de nuestros ciudadanos. . . . NC Hispanic Development Corp. entrena a ciudadanos para tomar posiciones de liderazgo en construir un futuro más brillante para todos."

En la foto con la Proclamación se ve Hna. Guadalupe M. Nieto, Hno. Tino Arias y Marina Palacios.



Shown proudly holding the Proclamation are (left to right) Br. Tino Arias, Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto and Ms. Marina Palacios.

El Poder Dentro De La Comunidad

En 27 de abril Hna. Guadalupe Nieto de la oficina de NC Hispanic Development va a patrocinar un curso de entrenamiento de liderazgo para desarrollar habilidades de organización entre la comunidad hispana. El director actual de F.O.C.U.S., Sr. Castro Maldonado, junto con líderes con la comunidad ya

entrenados, darán el curso titulado "El Poder Dentro de la Comunidad." La sesión tendrá lugar en el salón de la escuela de la Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima, en la esquina de Orange St. y Gray, Newark, a las 6:30 de la noche para todos (16 años de edad para arriba) que les interesan asistir.

Rincon Hispano

Congratulations To NC Hispanic Development Corp.

Donald V. Biase, Acting County Executive of Essex County, proclaimed March 16, 1994 to be recognized as NC Hispanic Development Corp. day throughout the County of Essex for its work in empowering citizens to combat crime and to increase their involvement in the economic, political, and social life of Essex County. The Proclamation states, "Essex County is proud to recognize those outstanding community organizations that work to improve the quality of life for our citizens. NC Hispanic Development Corp. trains citizens to take leadership roles in building a brighter future for us all."

Citizen's Police Academy

Throughout the month of March members of the 6th Avenue Hispanic Base Community have been attending courses at the Newark Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy. Through this training, the department hopes to enhance the community's perspective of not only how a police officer should perform, but also how the police department operates as an organization within the city government. Topics covered include the criminal justice system, police community relations, communication/record and identification, vehicle operations, patrol concepts, gangs, and narcotics. In attendance are Sr. Guadalupe Nieto, Director of NC Hispanic Development, and 6th Ave. Base Community members Jeanette Rivera, Miguel Salcedo, and Casey Sarrio.

One of the major thrusts of community policing is to develop a high level of team-community accord and trust as a prelude to joint activities to reduce crime and preserve order. NC Hispanic Development Corp. and 6th Ave. Base Community already enjoy a good working relationship with the Newark Police Department, and this training will further develop the ties. The needs of the people, especially those living in poverty, inner areas, are the focus at NC Hispanic Development Corp. The Base Communities provide the forum by which the people are empowered, trained, and enabled to address their own needs, such as fighting crime, street clean-up, and advocacy for better housing and education. 6th Avenue Hispanic Base community meets at Manor Senior every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and Pavilion Hispanic Base Community meets at Babylund III every 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who cares about the community and is interested in working toward a better city is welcome.

La Academia De Policía Para Ciudadanos

Durante el mes de marzo, miembros de la Comunidad de Base de la Sexta Avenida han asistido a los cursos de la Academia de Policía de Newark para ciudadanos. Por medio de este entrenamiento el departamento espera aumentar la perspectiva de la comunidad de como un agente de policía debe actuar y como el Departamento de Policía opera dentro del gobierno civil. Los temas son los siguientes: el sistema de justicia penal, la relación entre la comunidad y el policía, comunicación/registros e identificación, operaciones de vehículos, conceptos de patrullas, pandillas (gangs), y narcóticos. Asistieron Hna. Guadalupe Nieto, Directora de NC Hispanic Development, y miembros de la Comunidad de Base de la Sexta Avenida, Jeannette Rivera, Miguel Salcedo y Casey Sarrio.

Uno de los propósitos mayores del programa de vigilancia de comunidades por la policía es fomentar un alto nivel de acuerdo y confianza entre ambos como prelude para actividades en conjunto para reducir el crimen y mantener orden. NC Hispanic Development Corp. y la Comunidad de Base de la Sexta Avenida ya disfrutan de una buena relación trabajando con el Departamento de Policía de Newark. NC Hispanic Development Corp. aboga por las necesidades del pueblo, especialmente en áreas sufriendo de la pobreza. Las Comunidades de Base proveen la manera en que el pueblo es reforzado, entrenado, y empoderado a combatir sus problemas, el crimen, calles sucias, y abogar para mejorar viviendas y las escuelas.

La Comunidad de Base de la Sexta Avenida se reúne en Manor Senior el segundo y cuarto lunes de cada mes a las 6:00, y la Comunidad de Base de Pavilion el primer y tercer lunes de cada mes en Babylund III. Se invita a todos interesados en la comunidad y en mejorar nuestra ciudad.

NC Hispanic Development Corp. Presenta el Centro de Entrenamiento Para El Empleo de NCC

Se ofrece clases computerizadas de entrenamiento en habilidades básicas en conjunto con el Programa de Desarrollo de la Familia de Essex County.

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Venga a la orientación del Centro de Entrenamiento Para el Empleo:

Día: 6 de abril 1994
Hora: 7:00 P.M.
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Comenzando el 4 de Abril

Teens And Alcohol Addressed At Babyland PCC

The month of April is alcohol awareness month. We live in a society in which the use and misuse of drugs and alcohol is experienced by far too many people. Teen parents especially are faced daily with peer pressure and environmental stresses as well as the challenge of caring for their children. Statistics from the National Council on Alcoholism tell us that alcohol is the number one drug of choice among American youth. The need for education and awareness is most important and certainly key in helping to foster prevention. Therefore, the teen parents at Babyland's Parent-Child Center/Family Child Development Program will be participating in a special series of workshops geared to awareness about the subject of alcohol and drugs.

The parents will be viewing such films as *Teens And Alcohol, I Live In An Alcoholic Family, How Can I Tell If I'm Hooked, Cocaine Crack: A Teenager's Story and Building Self-Esteem*.

The workshops will be interesting and informative. They are a source of accurate and valuable information. Parents will participate in small group discussions and be enabled to process the input from the films and how it relates to their own lives. We intend to follow up on the results of the workshops and provide intervention. We are looking into the possibility of sponsoring an Al-Anon group at Babyland for our young parents.

Sr. Suzanne Janis
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Babyland Celebrates Week Of The Child

The month of April is the celebration of the child. At Babyland Nursery Inc. we have dedicated a week of activities and celebrations for our infants and toddlers. Beginning April 18th you will not only see our day care centers decorated in spring colors, but we have planned a week full of special activities, education, and fun.

Some of the highlights that will include: The Parade of Children, where the children will parade around the community with banners which reflect children's rights, and needs. The banners will be made by teen parents in a workshop where they will be learning and discussing children's rights. The children will visit other Babyland Centers and become acquainted with their extended Babyland family. We look forward to our visit to New Community Extended Care, to give our children and young parents a opportunity to visit the elderly. Workshops will take place during the month. Some topics in-

Books Are Children's Food For Thought

The Storybook Express Book Fair at Babyland III was a tremendous success. The ethnic books were the most popular and of course we did not have enough of those. They were gobbled up the first week. We requested a second shipment, which was also quickly exhausted.

The display included sharing and caring books — *Tell Me A Story Mama, I Love My Mommy Because* and *A Look Around Rain Forests*, which were also big hits with the parents.

The Caregivers enjoyed sharing the books with their classes and helping



Dr. Gloria Freeman and her charges check out a good book. The children with individual selections to share with parents during Open House.

Some of the children's favorite books will be selected for the school library. Some parenting books were added to our Book Fair during the last two weeks: *A Good Behavior Kit*, *Quigley's Village Video Tapes for Early Childhood*, and *Bible Stories* were included. The books most often selected from this group were:

Forever Stories by Carolyn Byers; and *The Storybook Character Building stories* for children by Arthur Maxwell.

These books will be available in the Parenting Book Exhibit during the Child's Health & Safety Fair, May 12th-14th at Babyland.

clude: quality child care, health care, developing parenting skills, etc.

At Babyland Nursery every month is "Month of the Child" Part of our philosophy is to respect children and their rights. We have chosen to participate in this celebration not only to give additional praise and acknowledgement to our children and their parents but also to reinforce our commitment to provide quality service to the children within our community.

Gina M. Ogburn

Babyland I - Program Director

Security: An Unbeatable Team

There are three candidates for Officer Of The Month. They are Detective Darryl Miller, Officer Ricky Coleman, and Special Officer John Glanton. All three are members of the New Community Security Task Force. Det. Miller is a full-time narcotics detective with the Essex County Bureau of Narcotics, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our department as well as the officers he works with. We are indeed happy that Det. Miller is with us. Officer Ricky Coleman is also a veteran Task Force member and has been with NCC since last August. Special Officer John Glanton is a Newark Special Police veteran whose familiarity of the area and its people have proven to be very useful in our task force operations.

On March 16, at 12:15 a.m., the above officers responded to a burglary-in-progress. Upon their arrival, the officers met with a tenant who stated that he observed an unknown man enter an apartment by way of the fire escape. The building superintendent was contacted and the Task Force, led by Det. Miller, began the dangerous task of searching the apartment in question.

A man was subsequently found in the rear bedroom and was arrested by Det. Miller after attempting to discard suspected dangerous substance from his person. During routine processing,



Assistant Security Director Fred Williams, presents a plaque to Officer of the Month, Ricky Coleman. Not pictured are Officers Darryl Miller and John Glanton.

he was thought to be wanted by the Essex County authorities for an earlier probation violation. In this case, an alert resident, and a prompt response combined to teach a burglar a much needed lesson.

Thank you gentlemen, for a job well done.

Black History Notes The Buffalo Soldiers Of The U.S. 9th And 10th Cavalry

Researched By James E. DuBoise

The 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry was established on July 28, 1886. The two black Cavalry regiments were better known as the Buffalo Soldiers, a name given by their Indian opponents for their bravery in battle. The soldiers were very proud of this title. It was the adhesive that kept these fighting units together for almost one hundred years.

Their stations were among the most lonely and isolated to be found anywhere in the country and mere service at such posts was severe; food usually poor, recreation difficult and violent death always near at hand. Prejudice robbed them of recognition and often of simple justice.

With the worst horses and equipment in the military, the Buffalo Soldiers compiled an enviable military record. Despite these conditions, they had the lowest desertion rate of any unit in the U.S. Army. At least 20 of its men earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, an outstanding achievement considering the harshness and prejudice they had to encounter day by day.

The Buffalo Soldiers served their country during an age of mounting anti-negro violence and hostility, helping to bring the white man's laws and order to the frontier. They suppressed civil disorders, fought and chased Indians, arrested rustlers, guarded stage coaches, and built roads and protected survey parties.

Though they protected western territory, they often faced hostility of the very settlers they guarded. Nevertheless, they developed into remarkable fighting units during their extensive engagements on the Southern Plains where they played a major role during the settling of the west. The long neglected story of their courage and devotion to duty adds a new dimension to American history. It is a story of significant achievement under tremendous handicaps and a record in which every American can take justifiable pride. They patrolled Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and other western states.

They battled against Sioux, Apaches and Comanches and helped capture Geronimo and Billy the Kid. They fought bravely with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish American War.

Members of the 10th Cavalry were the first U.S. troops to be proficient in the use of machine guns. The all black units were phased out during the Korean War when President Harry Truman ordered the military integrated. Still many history books don't mention them.

The West Point Military Academy in New York has a field named in their honor called the Buffalo Soldiers Field. In the summer of 1992, a monument was erected in their honor at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on the exact grounds where the Buffalo Soldiers camped, lived and died. On April 23, 1994 the federal government is issuing Buffalo Soldier postal stamps honoring them.

Two well known military leaders, who served with the black cavalry units as officers, were Colonel "Black Jack" John J. Pershing, who later gained fame as a general in World War I, and Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper, first black graduate of West Point.

The Power Within The Hispanic Community

On April 27th Sr. Guadalupe Nieto of the NC Hispanic Development Office is sponsoring a leadership training session on developing organizational skills among the Hispanic community. Mr. Castro Maldonado, Acting Director of F.O.C.U.S., along with already trained leaders of the community, will be giving the course titled "The Power Within the Hispanic Community."

The training session will take place at the School Hall of St. Rose of Lima Church, Orange St. and Gray, Newark, at 6:30 p.m., for all those (16 yrs. or older) interested in participating.

Mother Of The Month

Analiz Rosario has been an active parent in the PCC program since her enrollment on May 10, 1993. She has one child, Edgar Aguilar who is 1 year old.

Analiz was a student at Irvington High School where she was in the 10th grade. However, she recently left and enrolled in Business School. There she will receive her GED and a vocational trade. Upon completion, Analiz plans to obtain employment in her vocational trade while attending Kean College part time. Her major course of study while being matriculated at Kean College will be Fine Arts.

Analiz is a parent member of the Health Advisory Committee and has often contributed her artistic talent to the cover of PCC's Newsletter.

Shonda Laurel
Social Service Coordinator



Analiz Rosario and her son, Edgar.

Defensive Driving At NCC



Defensive driving is important to everyone, both on and off the job site, as these Network employees learned at the continuing Defensive Driving Course sponsored by New Community Corporation.

The New Community Network has implemented a Defensive Driving Course. The course is designed by the New Jersey National Safety Council, which teaches drivers how to avoid collisions and develop safer driving habits.

Classes began March 9th at the St. Joseph's Plaza executive conference room. The instructors were representatives from our auto carrier, Royal Insurance and our own newly certified instructors, Director William Hicks of Security, Detective James Mitchell of Security and Denise Phillips-Clark,

Insurance Coordinator for NCC.

The Defensive Driving Course is a mandatory course for all individuals that drive network vehicles. Additional classes will be held in mid-April for individuals that were unable to attend the March sessions. It is expected that individuals will adopt the defensive driving techniques in their overall driving. Defensive driving is an essential part of saving lives and money.

Denise Phillips-Clark
Insurance Coordinator

Good Neighbor Of The Month: Margie Woods

Mrs. Margie Woods has been a resident of New Community Associates for the past 8 years. During these years, Mrs. Woods has been an active senior in the community in which she lives. Always being willing to help others and lend a helping hand, has been one of Mrs. Woods' outstanding qualities.

In May of 1993, Mrs. Woods was sworn in by the City of Newark as Honorary Citizen Municipal Council President. She has also been an active participant in the programs for the

"Golden Agers" provided by the City of Newark. For many years, Mrs. Woods has modeled for fashion shows as well. An outstanding tenant of NCC Associates, Mrs. Woods performs the duties of an assistant floor captain for her floor.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of Mrs. Woods and always pray that she can continue to be an asset to her neighbors and her community.

Ineabelle Zayas
Social Worker



New Community Associates resident, Margie Woods, receives her gift certificate from Diane Pickens at the World of Foods. Congratulations, Mrs. Woods!

World Of Foods Restaurant Honors Good Neighbor Of Month

The World of Foods Restaurant (in the NCC/Pathmark Shopping Center on Bergen Street, Newark) took pride in recognizing Mrs. Margie Woods as "The Good Neighbor of the Month." Mrs. Woods was invited to tour the restaurant, meet Manager George

Wilson and his staff, and discover a wide range of tempting Southern cuisine, Chinese and other foods.

Mrs. Woods was also presented with \$25.00 in gift certificates and is entitled to any of George's secret recipes.

National Social Workers Recognition Month

To celebrate March as National Social Workers' Recognition Month a special Luncheon was planned at the World of Foods for all social workers from the various program components of New Community housing, Babyland, Harmony House, and Extended Care. The day was planned by Sr. Anastasia Hearne, June Rodriguez-Simmons, and Penny Maten.

June Rodriguez-Simmons spoke of the Social Worker's Licensure Act that

was passed in the State of New Jersey and its impact on those presently working in the social work field. Encouragement was given to all workers to continue their professional training and education through course work, workshops, and lectures.

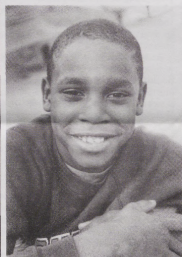
The luncheon was a wonderful opportunity, not only to feel appreciated, but also to meet each other throughout the Network and to enjoy a delicious meal.

Sr. Yvette Arnold



Social workers gather together at the World of Foods to celebrate National Social Workers Recognition Month.

Student Of The Month



NCC After-school Program student of the month is Dwight Jordan. Dwight is a new-comer to our program with a promising future. He is a big fan of professional football and basketball and hopes to be drafted into the "pros" some day. We are sure that Dwight's academic and athletic ability will ensure his success in whatever he wants to do. Congratulations, Dwight!

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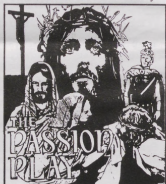
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And They Didn't Know Who He Was

"Blessed are they that have not seen,
and yet have believed."

John 20:29

It is not uncommon to fail to recognize an envisioned entity when it appears in a form different from that anticipated. There is a tendency to view an occurrence in a certain way, with a high degree that what is desired and longed for will happen as envisioned. It was understandable for the subjugated under Roman rule to look for a military strong emancipator to free them—the Messiah, but He came as a Baby, an obscure son of an obscure carpenter—and they didn't know who HE was. God had previously made Himself known through a nation and law but now He's making Himself known through incarnation, Jesus—and they didn't know who HE was.

For years He roamed the hillsides, lakesides, villages, mountains, healing the sick; raising the dead; restoring eyesight to the blind; curing lepers, the deranged and the crippled; feeding the hungry; forgiving sinners; giving hope to the disenfranchised; teaching love, the word of God and about salvation—and they didn't know who HE was.

On one occasion Jesus had left Judea for Galilee but He had to go through Samaria, and He came to a city called Sychar near Jacob's well, when a woman came to draw waters. Jesus asked her for a drink to which she replied, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman, for Jews have no dealings with Samaritans?"—She didn't know

who HE was. Further on in the conversation she said, "I know that the Messiah is coming who is called Christ. When He comes He will tell us all things." She didn't know that He was the Messiah, the Christ, and He had come. He was there, now, talking with her—and she didn't know who HE was.

At Golgotha Hill, the chief priests, scribes, elders, and a thief on a cross thought He was a blasphemer, performer of tricks and magic, and mocking Him said, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross and we will believe Him."—They didn't know who HE was.

After the Resurrection, two travelers going to Emmaus from Jerusalem, were talking about the Resurrection when Jesus drew near and walked beside them, and asked them about their conversation pertaining to the Resurrection. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, said to Jesus, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem not knowing what has happened recently?" They thought Jesus was a stranger. Although they walked and talked with Jesus, they didn't know who HE was. Unfortunately, today, many still don't, although they benefit by and owe so much to the derivative aspects of His teachings and messages.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

African American Heritage Parade



A new direction for the 16th Annual African American Heritage Parade is discussed by Anheuser-Busch executive Aaron Hairston and parade chairman Donald Bernard, Sr. at a recent gathering of community leaders. The Newark parade will follow its route on Broad Street from Lincoln Park to Washington Park, Sunday, May 1, after a weekend of African-American cultural activities and a Heritage Gala. For more information on how you or your organization can participate call 642-5051.

NCC Health And Safety Fair

Planning for the New Community Health and Safety Fair is well underway according to Florence Williams, New Community Director of Human Services. The Fair will be held May 12-14, 1994 at the New Community Homes Courtyard on Bruce Street. The Community Room in the adjoining building, New Community Associates, will be utilized for activities and seminars.

The theme of the New Community Health and Safety Fair is "Your Health: Gateway To A Better Life." Screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, vision, hearing, and others will be offered at The Fair. Safety and health prevention will also be a focus with participation by local public safety experts. New Community's various restaurants and the New Community Neighborhood Pathmark will offer several promotional tie-ins with healthy food and cooking demonstrations. The New Community Health

Spa will also participate with special seminars and exercise classes. A lecture series featuring health and safety experts is also planned.

Sub-committees involved in planning activities are: Marketing/Publicity; Exhibits/Hospital Participation; Career Training; Industry/Business; Community Participation; Entertainment; Children and Safety; Site Management; and Transportation. All entities of the New Community Network including Babyland Nursery, Inc. and St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, and the New Community Foundation are participating in planning the Health and Safety Fair.

There will be something for everyone from infants and preschoolers, to school age kids, teenagers, adults, and senior citizens. Mark the dates, May 12th-14th, on your calendar now!

Florence P. Williams

Serve America Program

Teen participants in New Community's Serve America Program attended Youth Day at Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Three hundred youth joined together to take a bite out of hunger. The 300 youth represented urban and suburban school, civic, and religious groups throughout Essex County. Youth Day was sponsored by the Ruth Bass Foundation, Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills and the Governor's Office of Volunteerism.

The youth were welcomed by the Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County and then listened to a presentation, "Learning About Hunger," after which they broke off into group work stations and began counting and sorting and stacking foodstuffs to be distributed to those in need, proving the old axiom "many hands make light work."

All of the youth participants received certificates from the Governor's Office of Volunteerism.

Sharanda L. Evans

Saturday Plus Program At Circus

The Saturday Plus Program sponsored a trip to "The Greatest Show On Earth" Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. One hundred parents and children throughout New Community were thrilled by the featured attraction, Romeo and Juliet, one year old elephants. The children held their breath as the trapeze artists performed death defying stunts high above the arena.

The sound of laughter filled the air as frolicking pups performed. The tension rose as the lions leaped over the trainer's head. The clowns delighted the audience and kept them chuckling with their silly antics.

Everyone was on the edge of their seats for the grand finale, a double barrel human canon, which provided twice the excitement as the two men were shot from the canon.

There's no show like "The Greatest Show On Earth."

Sharanda L. Evans

Inspirational Gospel Chorus

Several years have passed since the inception of the 180 Inspirational Gospel Chorus in 1979.

The passing years have taken many members with them.

Ellen Watson, Ethel Cummings and Ruby Whitehead, who were among the first members, are the only ones still with us. Ms. Whitehead, because of her health cannot function as a full time member. She will be considered an honorary member, because of her past faithfulness.

On January 29, 1994, The Inspirational Gospel Chorus celebrated its 15th anniversary. Although the weather was inclement, and many guests did not arrive, the room was filled with love and appreciation. The chorus was happy and very grateful to those who pressed their way out to make the anniversary a success. The most important ingredient, love, was shown by those who participated and those that attended. The Chorus thanked everyone for all they had done.

February, as we know, is African American or Negro History month, as some refer to it.

On February 25th, The Inspirational Gospel Chorus helped to celebrate by entertaining those at the nutrition site during lunch time. The Chorus was encouraged when they were asked to make it an annual affair and to have other programs.

The Chorus along with those at the nutrition site sang the "Negro Anthem." They also sang other negro favorites led by Ethel Cummings, Evang. Glover, Joyce LaQuer and Willie Sharpe.

Evelyn Burdon read highlights of the life of one "Outstanding Newarker," Mother Nellie Grier. Mr. Arthur Lipscomb and Ms. A. Sykes sang solos, which were very uplifting. Ms. Ellen Watson did a skit, based on the Freedom Song, backed up by the chorus. The chorus is looking forward to doing a pre-Easter program.

Phyllis Burton

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Project HOPE Dental Program Begins At St. Rose

Over 60 students of St. Rose of Lima School are currently involved in a preventive dental program. Project Hope, an international non-profit health education organization, and Babyland Nursery have collaborated to provide these services to the students of St. Rose.

An initial screening of the children was conducted by Dr. Dogan who is the associate Dean of the Howard School of Dental Medicine. Children who participated in the program will receive all of the following treatments: 1) A daily fluoride tablet (drops for preschoolers) dispensed by the teacher in the classroom; 2) plastic pit and fissure sealants on the occlusal (biting sur-

faces of all non-decayed teeth) to be done by a trained dental hygienist; 3) Dental Health education in relation to dietary practices and oral hygiene methods.

At the beginning of the program, participating children will receive a dental examination by a dentist, and a report will be sent to the parents indicating the general dental health status of their child. Each year following, participating children will receive toothbrushing and flossing instructions at the beginning of the program and at regular intervals.

Camillus Ventour
St. Rose of Lima

Getting Ready For An Enriching Summer

Babyland's Summer Enrichment Program begins Monday, June 20, 1994 and ends Friday, August 26, 1994. It will be held in St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium for children 5 to 13 years of age. Breakfast, lunch, and a p.m. snack will be provided.

The cost is as follows:
1st child - \$65.00 per week
2nd child - \$50.00 per week
3rd child - \$45.00 per week
All network employees will receive a ½ price discount.

The Summer sessions will include swimming instructions at the YMCA, cooking and sewing instructions, table etiquette lessons, ceramics, arts and

crafts, African American history classes, geography classes, music appreciation classes covering jazz, gospel, blues, opera and classical music, and cruising on the Spirit of New Jersey. There will be daily trips to amusement parks, beaches, and museums. Horse back riding and tennis lessons will be available at additional cost.

We look forward to another eventful and exciting Summer and hope your child will join us for the experience of his/her life.

For further information, contact Gayle Chaneyfield at (201) 399-3400.

Where Are They Now?

Chrystal Dunbar: A St. Rose Graduate

In an age when all the violence of our youth is highlighted, there can be found some bright shining stars. The stars to which I am referring come from the inner city of Newark, New Jersey, a city of great diversity, plagued with problems centered around its youth and high school drop out rates. But Newark is also undergoing a rebirth and there are bright spots beginning to rekindle the spark of hope and return the city to its greatness.

Saint Rose of Lima School has survived one hundred and three years of changes in the City of Newark and is definitely responsible for shaping many of the bright stars for the future. This month the star being tracked is Ms. Chrystal Dunbar a graduate of the class of 1991 and the class Valedictorian. Her attendance at Saint Rose was fruitful and she was involved in many aspects of school life while maintaining above average grades and expressing a desire to succeed above all odds.

Since leaving St. Rose of Lima School she has continued to make her desire a reality. Chrystal is currently a member of the Academic Decathlon that will participate in the regional competitions of high schools. She is a reporter/editor with Children's Express International News Service in New York City, New York. She attended the 1992 New York Democratic Presidential Convention. Chrystal attended the January 1993 inauguration of President William Clinton in Washington, D.C. She attended and participated in the televised National Hearings on violence in the life of the child. Chrystal attended the Bates College Hughes Summer Scholar Biology program for two weeks in July of 1993 which was held in Lewiston, Maine. She is currently Vice-Commander of the Eagle Flight Pilot Training Academy located in East Orange, New



Chrystal Dunbar

Jersey. Chrystal is an aspiring student in the 11th grade of Science High School located in Newark, New Jersey. Looking at Chrystal's list of accomplishments so far it would be safe to say that she is definitely on the runway to achieving her dreams. Chrystal is a star who will surely shine for many years to come and we will continue to track her progress as well introduce new stars each month.

If you know of a graduate of Saint Rose of Lima School in Newark who is "star" material please contact me so we can continue letting others know how great "WE" are.

Support our local students even if you do not have a child attending the area grammar or high. Every child needs to see that there are others who believe in him. Remember the African saying, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." The support of the village is invaluable and has a life long results.

Joyce Cook
Social Services

Reflections On Black History At St. Rose School



Stressing the cultural importance of ceremony, Mr. Camillus Ventour demonstrates a traditional African candle lighting ceremony and discusses the symbolism involved.

Students of St. Rose of Lima School participated in a series of events to commemorate Black History Month. Junior high students wrote essays on various outstanding African-American personalities or composed poems on current affairs and issues for inclusion in their soon to be published school newsletter.

Monday, February 28th was dedicated as Heritage Day. On this day students were dressed in their native Afrocentric or Hispanic outfits. The day began with an Afrocentric prayer service with participation of students from K thru grade 8. Following the prayer service students of grades K-3 were treated to folk tales

from Africa, the Caribbean and South America by their 7th grade colleagues. Grades 4 thru 8 viewed three excerpts from the outstanding P.B.S. dramatization of "I'll Fly Away." A social studies quiz pertaining to Black History facts was held for students of grades 4 thru 8. The winners of the quiz were awarded certificates of commendation.

The day's proceedings concluded with a special assembly during which students who maintained honor roll status for the first two marking cycles were awarded certificates of achievement.

Camillus Ventour
St. Rose of Lima



Pride and cultural appreciation are what make St. Rose of Lima special. The children were excited about wearing their ethnic attire.

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